

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A disk cartridge, comprising:

a cartridge main body; and

a round plate-shaped disk rotatably housed within the cartridge main body,

the cartridge main body including an opening facing the disk and a shutter which opens and closes the opening, wherein

a part of the cartridge main body is formed in an approximately semicircular shape.

2. The disk cartridge according to claim 1, wherein

the cartridge main body has an electric terminal in a region other than a region in the approximately semicircular shape.

3. The disk cartridge according to claim 1, wherein

the shutter has the same axis of rotation as that of the disk and is pivotably provided for the cartridge main body.

4. The disk cartridge according to claim 2, wherein

the shutter has the same axis of rotation as that of the disk and is pivotably provided for the cartridge main body.

5. The disk cartridge according to claim 1, wherein

the cartridge main body has a groove formed in a direction in which the disk cartridge is inserted into a drive device, the groove having an end at a part of a circumferential portion of the region in the approximately semicircular shape; and

the shutter has a projecting portion protruding toward the groove.

6. The disk cartridge according to claim 2, wherein

the cartridge main body has a groove formed in a direction in which the disk cartridge is inserted into a drive device, the groove having an end at a part of a circumferential portion of the region in the approximately semicircular shape; and

the shutter has a projecting portion protruding toward the groove.

7. The disk cartridge according to claim 3, wherein

the cartridge main body has a groove formed in a direction in which the disk cartridge is inserted into a drive device, the groove having an end at a part of a circumferential portion of the region in the approximately semicircular shape; and

the shutter has a projecting portion protruding toward the groove.

8. The disk cartridge according to claim 4, wherein

the cartridge main body has a groove formed in a direction in which the disk cartridge is inserted into a drive device, the groove having an end at a part of a circumferential portion of the region in the approximately semicircular shape; and

the shutter has a projecting portion protruding toward the groove.

9. A drive device to which a disk cartridge is inserted, comprising

a mechanism which is engaged with a projecting portion of a shutter, the projecting portion protruding toward a groove formed in a cartridge main body, so as to turn the shutter to open it when the disk cartridge is inserted.

10. A disk cartridge, comprising

a cartridge main body; and

a medium housed within the cartridge main body, wherein the cartridge main body includes an electric terminal which transmits or receives an electronic signal to or from an external device, so as to transmit the electronic signal indicating the type of the medium from the electric terminal to the external device.

11. The disk cartridge according to claim 10, wherein

a drive device which control input/output of data to/from the medium is incorporated in the cartridge main body.

12. A device to which a disk cartridge is inserted, which device receives an electronic signal indicating the type of a medium housed within the disk cartridge from an electric terminal of the disk cartridge inserted thereinto so as to specify the type of the medium.